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ROER OFFENSIVE SWEEPS 2-5 MI. *Yanks Drive to 15 Mi. of Cologne*



Bloody Island of Iwo Jima witnessed one of the most savage battles of the Pacific as U. S. Marines pushed ahead doggedly to take the strategic airfield in the island's center. Airstrip No. 1, above, was the first to fall to the Devil Dogs. The Third Marine Division had a toe-hold on the southern tip of airstrip No. 2. Point No. 3, is the beach area where the Marines landed. The enemy nervously expects another Yank landing on the northern strip.

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PARIS, Feb. 25 (UP).—The American Roer River offensive swept on two to five miles along a 30-mile front today. Dueren and 20 other towns were captured in the advance which carried to within 15 miles of Cologne after the Yanks smashed the first German armored attempt to halt "the drive on the Rhine."

The Nazi tank force was crushed at Steinstrass, five miles west of Juelich on the superhighway to Cologne, by an American spearhead that drove on four miles past captured Stettelnich during the morning.

The battle flamed until 3 p.m. when the Germans were defeated, and at last reports the Americans were roaring on through a woods 15 miles from Cologne and six miles east of Juelich.

The most spectacular advance of the day—five miles—was made by the Ninth Army spearhead driving east for Cologne, but two other columns striking out from Juelich toward Duesseldorf and Munchen-Gladbach also rolled up major gains.

MANY TOWNS FALL

These forces joined with others from Linnich to capture or storm the towns of Katzem, Rodingen, Doveren, Kofferen, Hottorf, Ralshoven, Dingbuchhof, Puttern, Kivet and drive on within three miles of Erkelenz, only eight miles south of Munchen-Gladbach.

Rodingen, where the Americans were battling for the town, is 18 miles from Neuss on the Rhine.

The U.S. First Army smashed all but a few snipers in the major stronghold of Dueren and fanned out north, east and south of the shattered city. In this area they captured or stormed at least eight towns, including Merzenich, Binsfeld, Lich, Hollen, Kreauszau, Stockheim, Arnoldsweller and Ellen.

Everywhere along the front, the American advance was knifing into the Germans in a series of short, sharp jabs. The fighting was mostly along good roads leading to the Rhine, including at least three superhighways built by Adolf Hitler for his conquest of France and the Low Countries.

'THIRD' TAKES 19 TOWNS

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, meanwhile, stormed or captured 19 new towns and ripped up German defenses north and south of Trier. Patton's new attacks crossed the Pruem River at two new points between Echternach and Bitburg and have swept up 1,100 prisoners in the past 24 hours.

The Canadian First Army fought within a half mile of Weeze, capturing the village of Host and fighting into Rottum after a day of bloody battling against German forces ordered to hold the Canadian drive for the Ruhr at all costs.

Labor Preparing Counter Report On Wages, Prices

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—CIO and AFL research departments will be working overtime this week aiding labor members of the War Labor Board, who have the rest of the week in which to make their report urging upward revision of the Little Steel formula to the President.

Indications, partially based on their statements to the press issued at the same time the WLB public members' report was released, are that labor members will stress the fallacy of the public members' inflation obsession.

Labor will point to the need of guarding against deflation, not inflation, in the postwar years.

Contradictions in the public members' report which agrees that for a program of full employment and prosperity an increase in basic wage rates is necessary, are expected to be pointed out.

Both the AFL and CIO have maintained that if the WLB is to be realistic about raising wage rates after V-E day, it must do so now, before a surplus labor market exists.

In rejecting increases now in the face of their recognized need to maintain the economy after VE-day, the public members again trotted out their threat of a rise in prices and an inflationary spiral. Yet they accept the need for continued operation of the WLB in the reconversion period, and therefore would seem to accept that of OPA, with its authority to ration and fix prices.

OPPOSE SIDE-STEPPING

Labor is bitter at the maneuver of the WLB public members in side-stepping a second main issue. That is labor's contention that under the stabilization act itself the WLB is obligated to give an increase.

The law of Oct. 2, 1942, directed the President to maintain wages on Sept. 15, 1942. The President in on Sept. 15, 1942. The President in his message to Congress seeking enactment of the law had said that otherwise the cost of living would continue to go up past the 15 percent it had gained from Jan. 1, 1941, to May, 1942 (date of the Little Steel case). It might even reach an additional 15 percent, he said, which would amount to a 15 percent sales tax or wage cut. This, he said, could not be tolerated.

The WLB formula was that if any workers averaged less than a 15 percent increase in hourly wage rates during that period (January, 1941-May, 1942) their established peacetime standards had been broken and their scheduled wage rates would be increased to a total of 15 percent of their straight-time average hourly earnings of Jan. 1, 1941. This was the measuring rod adopted.

The understanding was that if the cost of living went up further, their scheduled wage rates should be adjusted likewise.

Chairman W. H. Davis has said publicly: "Now the hourly rate is the price of labor... the standard is the price of labor, the hourly rate, and its relation to the cost of living. Maintain, if you can a rate which gives the same real wage."

SHIFTING FIGURES

Yet the public members pulled a figure out of the hat of Vice Chairman George W. Taylor, who wrote the appendix on wage stabilization policy. This is called the rise in "adjusted average straight-time hourly earnings," and is fixed at 36.7 percent (since Jan. 1, 1941).

It is compared with the cost of living increase of 29.5 percent reported by the President's Cost of Living Committee. A joint AFL-CIO study found the cost of living had gone up 44 percent, and a later and more thorough study by the CIO, the Murray-Thomas report, found

it increased 45.3 percent. But labor appears willing to accept the 29.5 percent, which was forced up 3-4 percent after labor protests over the lower BLS figure.

The evolution of the 36.7 percent of Mr. Taylor is apt to be given a fairly thorough going over by labor members of the board. In the draft before the final one it was 34.5 percent. In an earlier draft it was 27 percent.

POWERS ARE CLEAR

Taylor says in the appendix at one point, "in authorizing wage increases, the NWLB approves or directs changes in the occupational rates which make up a wage rate schedule." That is what the WLB controls, what it stabilizes, all it is meant to stabilize.

Again, he says that since the middle of 1942 straight-time earnings have increased much faster than scheduled rates. He cites higher paid jobs, longer hours at premium pay, shift differentials and vacation pay.

Labor is certain to point out that any increase in wage rates could be absorbed by the cushions of fat profits corporations have acquired in the war years. Corporate profits before taxes increased from \$7.4 billions in 1940, to \$14.5 in '41, to \$30 billions in 1942 and \$22.8 in 1943. OPA uses profits before taxes in appraising requests for price increases, although industry witnesses before WLB stressed profits after taxes.

AFL Rapped on London Parley

CLEVELAND, Feb. 25.—The AFL's leadership has "missed the boat" by its refusal to participate in the World Trade Union Conference at London, editor William Davey of the "Citizen," official organ of the AFL here declared in his weekly broadcast.

Comparing the attitude of AFL executive council members to "a man who sits far back in a comfortable seat and shouts how he would lick either of the fighters who are doing the fighting in the ring," Davey said the Council's attitude "just doesn't make sense."

Davey's broadcast reflected the rising anger throughout Cleveland AFL unions over the ostrich policies of the Council. Recently the Cleveland Federation of Labor with only one dissenting vote, urged the national body to reverse its stand and send an observer to the London conference. Since that time certain local leaders closest to the Woll-Hutcheson clique have sought to dominate meetings with attacks upon the CIO. The AFL and CIO are working harmoniously together on most major issues including the campaign to build war clubs under the auspices of Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action.

Ecuador Labor Hits Argentina

GUAYAQUIL, Feb. 25 (ALN).—A demand that Ecuador break diplomatic relations with the Argentine government of Gen. Edelmiro Farrel, was made last week in the Constituent Assembly by deputies Pedro A. Saad and Juan Isaac Lobato, president and vice-president respectively of the Confederation of Ecuador Workers.

Truman, Pepper Tell State ALP: Wallace Must Be Confirmed

Vice-President Harry S. Truman and U. S. Sen. Claude Pepper (Fla.) have wired urgent messages to the State American Labor Party, stressing the importance of pending Senatorial action on Henry Wallace's confirmation to the Secretary of Commerce post, the State ALP announced yesterday.

In releasing the wires, the ALP also announced a citywide rally calling upon the Senate to confirm the nomination. The rally will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the New York Times Hall, Times Square, with ALP leaders, trade union delegates and representatives of district organizations attending.

Truman, who has declared that in the event of a tie vote in the Senate, he would vote for the Wallace confirmation, told the ALP that "Wallace should be confirmed and it is my opinion that he undoubtedly will be."

WINDS UP DRIVE

The ALP Wallace rally will conclude an ALP Statewide petition



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drive which has already amassed more than 600,000 signatures from citizens throughout the States. Chairman of the rally will be Prof. J. Raymond Walsh, WMCA commentator and national research and educational director of the CIO Po-

litical Action Committee. Rally speakers will include Rep. A. Clayton Powell, Jr.; Rep. Vito Marcantonio; Leo Krzycki, president of the American Polish Labor Council; and City Councilman Michael J. Quill.

Pepper's message stated: "We are as never before confronted with the choice of whether we shall have the world Wallace wants — a world of peace, health, employment and good living, or the world of those who are blind because they cannot see or are blind because they will not see. It is our task to beat down those who would obstruct the progress of the people by strangling the people's leaders. What Wallace fights for is not his cause, but the people's cause."

Kilgore Manpower Bill Faces Senate Snags

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The Kilgore bill, designed to cure manpower ills by voluntary means but carrying stiff penalties, goes before the Senate tomorrow.

Senatorial opposition was increasing tonight and from it was developing a series of maneuvers intended to kill the penalty amendments, send the entire measure back to committee, or substitute new legislation for the committee-approved version.

The bill was fashioned by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W Va.), and four colleagues. It proposes to solve manpower problems by ending labor waste and hoarding. It would empower the war manpower commission to survey all plans and order labor cut down or increased where production requirements dictate. But it provides for a one year jail sentence, a \$10,000 fine or both for employers who violate WMC regulations.

Kilgore, irked over the penalty, will move to send the measure back to committee. In this maneuver, he is supported by Sen. A. B. Chandler (D-Ky.) who is opposed to any legislation on the grounds that the WMC can get the 170,000 to 200,000 new war workers currently needed.

MAY BILL STILL ALIVE

Among the substitutes to be offered is the May work-or-jail bill, already approved by the House. That will affect only men between 18 and 45 who are not now engaged in some phase of the war effort. It would direct them to get war jobs at the behest of their local draft boards or face the same penalties as Selective Service violators—up to five years imprisonment, up to \$10,000 fine or both.

Hannegan Calls 1946 'Crucial'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The Democratic and Republican parties are turning on steam for the 1946 congressional elections.

Latest evidence came tonight from chairman Robert E. Hannegan of the Democratic national committee, who announced that his party will start a drive for funds April 13 with nationwide Jefferson Day banquets. Every dollar received will be earmarked "for one purpose only—the election campaign of 1946," he said.

The election will be crucial because it will tell whether the next Congress will be split into hostile factions or unified in support of the Administration's program for peace and full employment, he said in a statement.

The banquet will be held on the birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic Party.

"The importance of the 1946 elections stresses the necessity for this change in policy," he said. "The Administration program embracing the goals of permanent peace and full employment is a program calling for the greatest possible national unity."

"We feel that this election is crucial in determining the success of the entire program; for a national government that must straddle a Congress dominated by one major party and an Executive Administration of the other party has never been capable of such unity. That is why we are placing so much emphasis on the elections of 1946."

Senate Group To Study Vets' Health Needs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A full study of the quality of care provided by the Veterans' Administration and an immediate study of ways to stimulate development of mental clinics in communities, and training in the psychiatric field, are to be undertaken by the Senate subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education.

Unless present health facilities and programs are expanded greatly and developed by communities they will fall far short of meeting the needs of fifteen million returning veterans of this war, said a unanimous interim report on veterans' needs released today by the committee. It is headed by Claude Pepper (D-Fla.).

The committee suggested that Congress increase VA responsibility to include the full care of all health needs of veterans who have a service-connected disability. Communities will be mainly responsible for others.

Witnesses before the committee already have criticized the quality of VA service, pointing out:

1. Personnel classifications and salaries for doctors, nurses and social workers "are not sufficiently high to attract the best practitioners and workers."
2. Hospitals are often isolated geographically and medically, without connection with teaching and research institutions.
3. Little use has been made of part-time services of outstanding physicians.

MANY NEUROPSYCHIATRIC

The Pepper committee found that about 60 percent of the volume of care in VA hospitals during the year ending in June, 1942, was neuropsychiatric. But the majority of those in need of psychiatric or mental hygiene services after the war will not have service-connected disabilities and therefore will not be eligible for out-patient treatment by the VA. Their needs will rarely include hospitalization, moreover.

Furthermore, there are not nearly enough psychiatrists and auxiliary personnel to provide psychiatric services separately for different segments of the population. Services will have to be provided on a community basis," said the report.

Col. W. C. Menninger, Director, Army Medical Corps Division of Neuropsychiatry, had impressed on the committee that "that mental illness is a problem of our whole society, accentuated, but not produced, by war," the report stated.

The committee, citing the need for at least 1,300, mental hygiene clinics, or one for every 109,000 population, will study the feasibility of federal-state cooperation in assisting communities to establish them.

AFL's Pearl Does a Public Disservice Via Sen. Vandenberg

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Philip Pearl, Public Relations Director of the American Federation of Labor, showed a strange idea of "public service" today when Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich) was presented by the AFL as a "public service feature" guest speaker over the National Broadcasting hookup.

Vandenberg's speech was a typical GOP blast. "We are regimented and rationed from the cradle to the grave. Our traditional idea of 'individual liberty' is a memory in mothballs," he asserted. A demobilization of "bureaucrats" must be speeded after the war, declared.

This anti-Administration and basically anti-war propaganda is old Vandenberg stuff. But trade unionists will be shocked that it gets AFL blessing.



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Iwo Marines Drive At Central Airfield

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 25 (UP).—Marines of three divisions pressed northward against undiminished Japanese resistance on Iwo today, driving to complete the capture of the central air field and take the heart of the island.

Holding half of Iwo's eight-square-miles area, their general position improving daily, the Marines still faced desperate resistance by the thousands of Japanese troops remaining of the estimated 20,000 total enemy forces on D-Day, Feb. 19.

About 3,000 Japanese were known to have been killed and undoubtedly many killed and wounded were behind the enemy lines.

The Japanese seemed determined to fight to the last man, however, and they were still in prepared defenses—pill boxes, block houses and caves—around the big central air field and the main island village and administrative center beyond it.

Start New Push East of Manila

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Feb. 25 (UP).—The U. S. 6th Division and the First Cavalry struck eastward from Manila through the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains on a 25-mile front today seizing two towns in a new drive aimed at the east coast of Luzon.

The new push came as all organized Japanese resistance in Manila was crushed, except for approximately 1,000 enemy troops with an admiral in command, still holding out in three government buildings southeast of Intramuros, old Spanish walled city.

Allied Planes In Victory Blitz

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Thousands of Allied warplanes from Britain, Italy and the continent again blasted Germany from end to end today in the 13th consecutive day of the all-out "victory blitz" on airfields, transport and oil targets in the Reich.

On the basis of early reports it was estimated that from 6,000 to 7,000 aircraft were over Germany, and later advices were expected to boost that total considerably.

War Output Up In Critical Items

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The worst January weather since 1918 contributed to a slight drop in munitions output last month but most of the critical programs rose sharply, the War Production Board reported tonight.

The reduced overall production, while only one percent under December was considered serious because plans call for a steady month-by-month increase until mid-year.

Aggravating the situation were losses in steel and other raw materials which do not show up in the munitions report. These losses, caused by transportation tieups and fuel shortages in weather-stricken areas, will hurt weapons production for the next five months, WPB said.

Biggest increases among the critical programs were in cotton duck for tents, up 33 percent, and truck and bus tires, up 30 percent. Production of both hit an all-time high.

Navy rockets were up 27 percent and vitally needed mortars and artillery pieces showed gains of 21 percent but were still from five to 30 percent behind goals.

Greatest Air Force Hammers Tokyo Center

GUAM, Feb. 25 (UP).—The greatest armada of Superfortresses ever sent aloft teamed with hundreds of carrier-based planes in a great one-two punch against the industrial heart of Tokyo today. Japanese broadcasts said fire and demolition bombs struck "adjacent to" Emperor Hirohito's moated palace. More than 200 Superfortresses from Marianas bases—twice as many as hit Tokyo the first time last Nov. 24—made a "saturation" attack on the center of the world's third largest city. An official bulletin said the assault marked "a new phase of the aerial battle against Japan."

Carrier planes from Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's famed Task Force No. 58, operating from points perhaps 300 miles off the Japanese coast, roared in low to blast airfields, naval and military installations for the third time in ten days.

Japanese broadcasters said the attacks lasted about six hours. They reported the carrier fleet numbered 600 to 1,000 planes and hit from 7 a.m. (6 p.m. Saturday EWT) to 10:30 a.m. Tokyo said the B-29s roared over Tokyo in a swirling snowstorm around 2 p.m. and dropped bombs for two hours.

Italy Regains Right to Enact Own Laws; Still 'Co-Belligerent'

ROME, Feb. 25 (UP).—Co-belligerent Italy has received four concessions from the Allies including the right to conduct diplomatic relations direct with foreign powers, neutral as well as belligerent, in secret code, it was announced today.

The concessions, it was said officially, represent the next to last stage of restoring complete independence to Italy. For the present, however, she remains a co-belligerent instead of a fully ally.

Harold MacMillan acting president of the Allied Commission in Italy, notified the Italian Government of the concessions yesterday and announced them today. The concessions, a relaxation of the secret armistice terms laid down when Italy surrendered in September, 1943, are:

1. Italy may appoint and receive ambassadors and ministers to and from other nations. She may communicate with her envoys by code or sealed diplomatic pouch and thus maintain direct relations with other nations. The Allies ask Italy to inform them of any important diplomatic negotiations.

2. Italy regains the right to enact her own laws and decrees without submitting them to the Allies for approval. Thus Italy regains full legislative authority.

3. Italy may appoint without Allied approval all but a few highly important officials. The men who must be approved by the Allies henceforth will comprise only those whose work is of military importance, including cabinet ministers whose jobs concern military matters.

4. Large numbers of regional officials the Allies have stationed throughout liberated areas of Italy will be withdrawn. Only liaison officers will be left to assist Italian military authorities and technical experts will be left if Italy continues to need them.

In addition, the Allies are now

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The Red Army, clearing its northern flank before launching the grand assault on Berlin, captured the Pomeranian stronghold of Preussich Friedland in the German's cracking defense line today. While Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army



Delegates in Mexico for the Inter-American Conference of Foreign Ministers on Problems of War and Peace. In the center (left to right) are Enrique Munoz Mearny of Guatemala, U. S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. and Pedro Leo Velloso of Brazil.

took Preussich Friedland, swirling air battles broke out over the Oder River east of the menaced German capital. Moscow dispatches said that Berlin's home defense air force had opened attacks on Soviet spearheads at the Oder in order to give the city's defenders time to gird for a siege.

One hundred miles to the southeast, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army ground deeper into the encircled lower Silesian capital of Breslau, a broadcast Soviet communique announced. Several more street blocks were captured. Official reports said that Konev now held 10 of Breslau's sprawling suburbs.

BATTLE SMOKE

Soviet artillery was pouring shells into remaining German positions in the city, and it appeared little would be left of Germany's eighth city when the smoke of battle cleared. By destroying the city reservoir, Soviet gunners left the garrison with only the barest water ration.

Pierce fighting also raged on the Samland Peninsula west of Koenigsberg where the Third White Russian Army threw back repeated attacks by trapped enemy remnants, and southwest of the Junker capital where the Soviets were liquidating an encircled group of the disintegrating German East Prussian Army.

In the latter sector, the Third White Russian Army captured Amalienwalde, Ploessen, Woyditten, Tiefensee, Muegen and Grosshasselberg, all situated in the area of Zinten, 17 miles below Koenigsberg.

The Germans were battling desperately to establish contact among their forces inside Koenigsberg, those southwest of the city and a group around Pillau out on the tip of the Samland promontory. It appeared that a tenuous connection existed although the Soviets had at one time completely encircled the immediate Koenigsberg area.

139 TANKS KNOCKED OUT

The Soviet communique reported destruction or disabling of 36 German tanks in the Koenigsberg area and a total of 139 enemy tanks put out of action on the entire front Saturday.

Rokossovsky's forces, advancing up to six miles during the day captured Pruetzenwalde four miles east of Landeck and also took the village of Dammitz, Klausfelde, Bischofswalde, Chiretfelde, Barkenfelde, Heinrichswalde and Peterswalde, all in an area nine to 24 miles southwest of Chojnice.

The Soviet Army newspaper, Red Star, said that Focke-Wulf 190's from the Berlin defense fighter force were attacking the Soviet Oder spearhead, capitalizing on a low ceiling. Soviet anti-aircraft gunners, however, were having a field day and in one sector alone had brought down 93 enemy planes.

Soviet fliers helped break up the German assault formations and ranged westward to Berlin's suburbs, shooting up communications to the Oder front.

The German commentator Col. Ernst Von Hammer reported that the Red Army attacked at dawn Saturday with five rifle divisions and several tank divisions, upward of 75,000 men, on a 17-mile front between Preussich Friedland and Chojnice in the old Polish corridor.

Farouk Names New Premier

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (UP).—King Farouk I of Egypt today named Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fahmy El Nekrasy Pasha as new premier to succeed the late Ahmed Maher Pasha who was assassinated in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, a few minutes after he had read a decree declaring war on Germany and Japan.

Urge Funds for War Crime Trial

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The National Lawyers Guild demanded tonight that Congress fulfill its part in carrying out the Big Three pledge for the complete extermination of fascism.

The demand was set forth by Martin Popper, executive secretary, in a letter to a House Appropriation Subcommittee urging immediate and favorable action on a State Department request for funds to cover administrative expenses of the U. S. representative to the London War Crimes Commission.

"If the work of this agency were hampered because of the inaction of Congress in appropriating funds," he wrote, "... The prestige of the United States would suffer a terrible blow in the eyes of the millions of victims of the incredible horrors perpetrated by the Nazis and Japanese.

Wash. Legislature Hails Yalta Pact

By ELLEN McGRATH

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—The Washington State legislature adopted a resolution with but one dissenting voice hailing the agreements between the U. S., Britain and the Soviet Union at Yalta and commending President Roosevelt for his part in the historic Crimea decisions.

The resolution declared that the "conference gives to the people of our country and of the world the great inspiration and hope for the defeat of Nazi Germany and establishment of a just and lasting peace."

A bi-partisan coalition of Democrats and Republicans sponsored the resolution in the House, where it was adopted unanimously. Sen. Thomas C. Rabbitt introduced the measure in the Senate, which adopted it with but one dissenting voice from Sen. Kevin Henahan, Democrat, who echoed the divisive propaganda that nothing was accomplished and "President Roosevelt was taken like Grant took Richmond."

The spirit of unity which won the Nov. 7 election victory was under-

scored by unanimous passage of Senate Bill 136, described by the Federal social security department, as "one of the finest pieces of old age pension legislation in the nation." It was signed by Gov. Mon C. Wallgren and will become effective May 1.

In addition to providing a \$50 floor on pensions, the law sets up a basis for determining need, and allows the aged on that basis to earn or get outside income.

State Rep. Wm. J. Pennock, president of the Washington Pension Union, estimates that average pension awards will be between 47 and \$48 under the act.

Survey of needs of about 60,000 pensioners will begin now, with the measure retroactive in case all pensioners have not been covered by that date.

Her Wristband---a Badge of Honor

By LOUISE MITCHELL

Watch wristbands are made of leather, fabric or plastic. But the one Esther Dinkin wears is aluminum and thereby hangs the tale of a Japanese plane.

Esther Dinkin, sweet, and 22, has just returned from the Pacific where she worked aboard a Norwegian merchant ship as stewardess. She spent more than six weeks in the Leyte combat area and could tell you "a thousand stories" worth hearing.

"A Japanese plane crashed our ship and I took part of the wing with the Rising Sun symbol for a wristband. I made it myself," she added proudly. The inside of the band is covered with red paint used to mark the Tokyo symbol of death.

In her wallet Esther carries a Merchant Marine Combat Bar and Pacific War Zone Bar confirming active service with the United States Marines on a ship which was engaged in direct enemy action.

The "unhappy" ending to Esther's story is the recent ruling by the State Department ordering American women off foreign merchant vessels. At the war's start, stewardesses were taken off American ships.

The seven American girls aboard the Norwegian ship "resented" the order, Esther explained. "We were



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as good as the men in action during the six weeks of constant fire when our ship was hit several times."

The young girl, who during her last two years in college also made electric cables in a war plant on the West Coast, comes from San Francisco. It was no surprise to her family when she signed up with the merchant marine. As a kid she helped the West Coast seamen in their 1934 strike. Her brother-in-law is a second mate on a ship.

U. S. soldiers were certainly surprised to see American women aboard a ship carrying cargo. Some didn't like it but they all were happy to see someone from home.

TALK OF HOME

"Only a few succumbed to the wolf's whistle. Most of them wanted to talk about home. About the time they could sleep late again, hear a telephone ring, walk down main street."

They have all idealized what happened back home, she discovered.

"Many soldiers came aboard our ship, including Negro stevedores. We went ashore with the men, ate their rations, accompanied them on sniper hunts. As experiences go, it was terrific."

The invasion of the Philippines was a real war of liberation for our men, she said. The natives made them feel they were deliverers.

But the American soldiers still need to know more about the war, about national and international policies so that they can stand the isolation in scattered islands, according to Esther.

"But if I had my way, I wish I could put the whole United States on a coral atoll where some of our boys have been for years. The people would learn what it means to be at war."

A Letter to the Editor From Abram Flaxer, Head of the SCMWA--And Our Reply

On Feb. 19, we published an editorial criticizing a report submitted to the New York City CIO Council by the District President of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union, and approved by the Council.

We criticized the report on two grounds:

1) It carried an implied threat to the Mayor that the CIO

Council would refuse to endorse him unless he changed his attitude toward CIO organization in the Sanitation Department.

2) It charged that the administration in the department was "fascist."

Below we publish a letter from Abram Flaxer, national SCMWA president, and our reply.

Flaxer's Letter

Dear Sir:

I was not a little surprised by the unconditional tone and content of your editorial "Dangerous Kind of Criticism" of Feb. 19, 1945. It would appear from the concluding paragraph in which you offer the hope that the union involved "will straighten itself out," that the Mayor of the City of New York is entirely blameless in this dispute which he has permitted to drag out for four years.

This entire issue is a straight and simple trade union problem that involves the democratic right of our union to function and the protection of the most elementary rights of our members. At the meeting of the New York CIO Council, our spokesman recited a long bill of particulars of violations of the rights of the employees of the Department of Sanitation. Apparently the Daily Worker does not question the validity of these grievances but does raise the question as to who in the city government is responsible for the continuation of these policies.

The State, County and Municipal Workers of America has brought its case against Commissioner Carey before the Mayor on several occasions. President Philip Murray has attempted to seek a solution. A delegation from the New York CIO Council, headed by its president, Joseph Curran, has also tried to adjust this situation but to no avail. In fact, the Mayor publicly lauds Carey as his favorite commissioner.

At one time, our union also believed that the entire blame for this situation rested with Commissioner Carey but experience and a careful assessment of all the facts leads us to the inescapable conclusion that the Mayor must bear his share of responsibility in this unfortunate situation.

It is our feeling that what needs

straightening out are the labor policies of the Department of Sanitation and the Mayor is the only one that can straighten out these policies.

We agree that the use of the terms "fascist" and "near-fascist" in this matter was unfortunate, but before going overboard in criticism of our union on this score, I think the Daily Worker should have taken into consideration the heat that has been engendered in this situation for the past four years.

Our union knows what fascism is. The Daily Worker knows that our union was anti-fascist even when anti-fascism was called "premature" and many of our members and officers have paid the price of fighting fascism. We think we're pretty straight on the question of fascism.

We think we are also pretty straight on the question of politics. Our politics have been the politics of the CIO and we think we've been effective on the political scene, even though our members have had to overcome obstacles that other trade unionists have not had to face.

But this problem is not one of fascism or politics. It is a trade union problem involving the fundamental rights of employees to bargain collectively and we appeared before the New York CIO Council seeking the assistance of our fellow unions in solving this dispute with our employer. As is the practice of all other unions under similar circumstances, we had to frankly fix the responsibility.

We were forced by the facts in the case to conclude that the major share of the responsibility in this matter rests with the Mayor of the City of New York.

Very truly yours,

ABRAM FLAXER.



ABRAM FLAXER

Addes Hits Auto Council Tactics

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—A plot for the destruction of unionism was laid to the Automotive Council for War Production by George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Auto Workers here yesterday.

Replying to George Romney, Council managing director, who told the Senate Mead committee that war plant trouble rises from labor efforts to usurp management responsibilities, Addes said this was prompted by a desire to return to "industrial dictatorship which they mistakenly identify with high productivity."

Charts released by the Automotive Council itself show that employment in the auto industry is 18 percent below the fourth quarter of 1943 but production is 10 percent greater, even with this reduced personnel, Addes said.

Our Reply

1) We readily agree with Flaxer concerning the record of his union in opposing fascism. That is not the issue, except to the extent that the report referred to tends to compromise that record.

2) Again, we are not concerned here with the validity of the SCMWA's case against the Sanitation Department, or even against the Mayor. We will assume it has serious grievances.

3) We said in our editorial, and we repeat, that what concerned us was the kind of criticism indulged in against the Mayor, and Flaxer's letter proves there is a basis for our concern.

Let us take the "warning" to the Mayor that the CIO "is not committed" to any mayoralty candidate, which was contained in the report to the CIO Council. Taken in the context of that report, it was a distinct threat to Mayor LaGuardia that the CIO's attitude toward his reelection would be based on what he does in the Sanitation Department situation.

We maintain that responsible labor officials cannot put the question of support to major candidates for political office on so narrow a basis, particularly today. This is a form of "pure and simple trade unionism" which William Green, to take an extreme example, used as the excuse for endorsing Gerald L. K. Nye and Ham Fish. Divisive and reactionary elements within the labor movement used such an approach toward President Roosevelt in an effort to exploit grievances of labor to turn the workingclass against him.

Labor today must base its political judgment on the interests of the entire nation, on the win-the-war and win-the-peace issues, on the necessity of maintaining and strengthening national unity behind the President's program.

That this "pure and simple trade unionism" concept domin-

ated the report is clearly demonstrated by Flaxer's own letter.

"But this problem is not one of fascism or politics," he writes. "It is a trade union problem..."

Since when is a mayoralty election not a political problem? How can labor separate its "economic" attitude toward such an election from its "political" attitude? Obviously such an argument is naive and dangerous.

4) Now let's take the use of the term "Fascist." Flaxer admits its use was unfortunate but feels we should have taken into consideration the four years of "heat" engendered by the issue. Unfortunately, however, politics does not take into account the subjective feelings behind words. It is exactly the essence of responsibility that one does not permit himself to be provoked by emotional considerations into statements or actions which aid the enemy. Whatever the feelings of the SCMWA spokesman who used the term "fascism" loosely and irresponsibly, the consequence still is a weakening of the fight against fascism.

Finally, we sympathize with the SCMWA's organizing problems. We realize that as a trade union of government workers its position is especially delicate and often difficult. We recognize it has to protect the interests of its members and build its organization, in conformity with CIO principles. We firmly believe, however, that its intemperate outburst and the attitude it reflects not only hurts national unity generally but injures its own specific cause. The result of a report of that nature could only be to create greater friction and irritation which would make any possible solution all the more difficult.

Union Lookout

- Ford Local and Negro Airmen
- Shipbuilders Accuse Company

by Dorothy Loeb



Twenty-nine prominent Negro and white painters and sculptors are represented in the second annual art show which the CIO Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers is conducting through Feb. 28. The show is part of the union's observance of Negro History Week and National Brotherhood Week. . . . The Minneapolis (Hennepin County) CIO Approvals President Roosevelt's choice of former Gov. Harold E. Stassen as a delegate to the United Nations San Francisco meeting. . . . Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Auto Workers sent a \$1,000 gift to the all-Negro 99th pursuit squadron of the Army Air Forces. The airmen sent back thanks but asked that the gift be converted into the nucleus of an annual award for the person who "contributes most toward racial goodwill and understanding and/or advancement of the Negro."

CIO shipbuilders accuse the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., in Kearny and Port Newark, N. J., of workmen's compensation abuses. Harry C. Harper, New Jersey State Commissioner of Labor, is investigating. The union, Local 16 of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, says the company has made it a practice to discharge workers who collect compensation awards. This serves to intimidate those hurt on the job, preventing them from making complaints. . . . Workers at the Ford Instrument Co., Queens, are being X-rayed for tuberculosis by the Industrial Chest Service of the Queensboro Tuberculosis and Health Association. . . . The Federal Civil Service Department of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists & Technicians, is sponsoring legislation for pay improvements for white collar employees. . . . They're asking a 25 percent base pay increase, amounting to at least \$400 a year; a permanent law providing time and a half overtime, mandatory increases after 12 months to those in the lower brackets and after 18 months for those in higher brackets. A 10 percent night differential holiday pay at time and a half and a uniform system of unemployment insurance are also sought.

The National Maritime Union is putting on a real drive to get the Seamen's Bill of Rights, proposed by Admiral Land, through this session of Congress. This would provide education, medical care, unemployment insurance and job security for the men who keep 'em sailing. As matters stand now, they're deprived of most protective legislation enjoyed by shore side workers. Letters are pouring in to Congressmen from ships all over the world. I just saw two of them and they pack quite a wallop. Daniel C. Jakobski of New Britain, Conn., is 16. He shipped out on his first war trip, returned and wrote a hot letter to Connecticut Senator Maloney. He tells him to speak up before the House Committee on Merchant Marine & Fisheries for the Land proposals and concludes: "Show your colleagues this letter, so they won't make us a forgotten generation." Charles Green of Norfolk, Va., twice torpedoed in this war, wrote his Congressman: "I hope you won't torpedo our seamen's right to security."

The Transport Workers Union in Philadelphia has begun publication of a snappy newspaper. William Moody, formerly editor of the organ of CIO department store workers in New York, is putting it out. . . . A feature in the first edition reveals that one of the world's great magicians is a TWU member, a bus operator working for Philadelphia Transportation Co. He is Jimmy Shannon, a past president of the Society of American Magicians, described as "the world's greatest manipulator of thimbles." Shannon says there's no magic in organizing, just work.

WLB Employer Members Dislike Textile Wage Rise

Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers Union who quit the War Labor Board, may dislike the wage award for textile workers but employers have even greater dislike for it.

In a statement dissenting from the WLB's raise of the textile minimum to 55 cents an hour and a general five cents hourly wage raise, WLB industry members charged

that ultimately the wage bill of the southern textile mill owners will rise by \$71,600,000 annually.

They further noted that the 55-cent minimum is 37.5 percent above the 40-cent top minimum under the Fair Labor Standards Act. While complaining that 23 mills directly affected by the award may suffer a competitive disadvantage, the statement conceded that the wage policy will affect all mills employing some 380,000 cotton-rayon textile workers who "will fall in line."

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Hartford AFL Backs World Labor Body

HARTFORD, Feb. 25. — The Hartford Central Labor Union, AFL, by an overwhelming majority voted to endorse the decisions of World Trade Union Conference at London, and urged the executive council of the AFL to reopen the question of reaffiliating with the new world body of labor.

The action was taken at the central body's regular meeting Wednesday.

Noting that the London conference had "completely and wholeheartedly" endorsed the decisions made at Yalta the resolution said:

"The vast number of the rank and file of the AFL have endorsed and supported the World Trade Union Conference, recognizing the need of an international organization in which every national organization of labor is represented."

Will Honor Foster's 50 Years Activity

William Z. Foster, vice-president of the Communist Political Association, a pioneer leader of American labor, will be a guest of honor Friday night, March 23, at a dinner at Tom Mooney Hall, 13 Astor Pl., at 7 p.m. The dinner will mark Foster's 50th anniversary of activity in the labor and people's movements.

Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of AFL Painters District Council 9; and Ben Gold, president of the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers, are co-chairmen in charge of arrangements.

Other trade unionists associated with Foster in his many fields of activities are participating in the arrangements and many are expected to attend the testimonial.

City CIO Stewards To Hold Wage Parley

The City CIO has called a citywide shop stewards' conference for Sunday, March 4, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, to deal with the problem created by the refusal of the public members of the National War Labor Board to recommend a change in the "Little Steel" wage formula.

Merrill Asks FDR Veto WLB Rigid Pay Stand

Lewis Merrill, president of the CIO United Office & Professional Workers, yesterday called upon President Roosevelt to veto the recommendation of public members of the War Labor Board that there be no change in the Little Steel formula.

Merrill recommended that the President immediately appoint a committee representing labor, industry and government to draw up proposals for a new national wage policy after victory in Europe.

He recommended further that the WLB liberalize its practices and procedures, both with respect to granting increases and eliminating inequities, sub-standards and the like, and to eliminate the delays in processing WLB cases.

He urged support for the legislative proposals made by the board's public members in the same report that opposed upward revision of the Little Steel formula.

The board itself, through its own machinery, he said, should promote establishment of occupational minimums in various industries and of industry classification systems.

He called upon employers of white collar and professional workers to grant immediate salary increases to their employees, contending that the framework of WLB decisions permits of such increases.

The UOPWA offers its services to unorganized white collar workers and to employers alike for assistance in solving salary problems and in getting WLB approval for raises, he said, and workers or employers who take advantage of the offer won't be obligated to join the union or to sign agreements with it.

None of the problems of the workers or the nation can be solved without victory in the war, Merrill added, and therefore the no-strike pledge must be maintained without a break.

In preparation for the meeting, the Council also called an emergency meeting of its executive board for Wednesday to formulate a report and a program for the Sunday conference.

"Political Action for 60,000,000 Jobs" is the title given to the meeting, and it is expected that steps will be outlined to further the congressional and state legislative campaigns of the CIO.

The program for 60,000,000 jobs, the CIO says, is a "program that demands full production and full employment; a domestic wage policy that will make full production possible; an end to discrimination because of color, race or sex so that unemployment will not haunt any group; the fullest and most efficient use of America's vast financial and economic resources to establish a safe transition to prosperity."

The CIO also points out that the "final fight for the confirmation of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce, which will reach the floor of the Senate in early March, epitomizes the struggle for this entire program."

30-33 Males Face Draft Call

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Under the new draft regulations sent all local draft boards yesterday by national Selective Service headquarters, men from 30 through 34 years of age now face induction, and men 34 through 37 will be called to a lesser degree.

More men are needed for combat duty, the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion said in approving the regulations.

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All physically fit men from 18 to 25 are now in service and the supply of men from 26 through 29 is limited, the OWMR added.

Deferments in the 30-33 age group will be made only if the men are "necessary to" and engaged in war work or war-supporting activities. Men 34 to 37 will be deferred if they are "regularly engaged in an activity in war production or in support of the national health, safety or interest."

Hero Asks Unionists to Keep Supplies Flowing

SAYS SOLDIERS FEEL SERVICE LAW WILL SAVE LIVES

By ELLEN McGRATH

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—Sgt. William Wood, member of Cannery Workers Local 7, CIO, has returned to Seattle on furlough after fighting with the 80th Infantry Division on the Western Front.

Sgt. Wood holds the Bronze Star medal, Purple Heart and combat infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action.

He brushed aside questions on the medals with a modesty that springs from deep feeling for the unsung heroes on the front line. "They are the heroes," he said, "the one who don't come back."

He talked of shortages on the battlefield, shortages of ammunition and equipment. "Sure, it's true. It's true because in a massive war like this one, with large-scale fighting going on day and night there can never be enough of anything. But our supply people have done a wonderful job getting the stuff up front," he said.

He appealed for an all-out effort on the home front to win the war in the quickest time with the fewest casualties and praised Rep. Hugh DeLacy, who had supported the May bill.

He pulled out of his pocket a letter of thanks he had sent to DeLacy. "Just before I left the line about a dozen of us at a quiet moment were talking about National Service

legislation. Some of the boys wondered whether labor would understand how desperately we at the front needed this all-out war support. Those of us who were union men were sure that our union brothers at home would back us up," the letter read.

"It got to be quite a discussion and I told the fellows how labor and the people in my city of Seattle had elected you, one of themselves, to Congress to help us win the war. So you see I really felt good when I read that you voted the way I knew you would vote; the way that I told the boys you would vote—for them," he said.

"It's pretty rough up front. We fight hard and try to win the war as quickly as possible because the faster the war is won the greater number of us will come home alive. National service legislation will save the lives of some of us on the battlefield."

Wood is now heading back into action hopeful that the home front will respond quickly to the great needs of the front line fighters.

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Mr. Stettinius in Mexico

IF THE inter-American conference, now meeting in Mexico City, will resolve its problems in the spirit of the opening address by our Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, we believe it will register a great advance for the entire hemisphere. Too little attention was given in this country to this speech of last Thursday. It marked a real step forward for the State Department as such, and it offers a basis for overcoming the critical issues now besetting the Good Neighbor Policy.

What Mr. Stettinius did was to reconceive the relations with our neighbors in terms of the Crimea agreement. Our Latin American friends were told that Crimea is the "fundamental" of our foreign policy. We are not going to pursue policies in the hemisphere which contradict Crimea.

And the Secretary of State said this with genuine enthusiasm. His warm assertion of our friendship for Britain, and especially for the Soviet Union, was unprecedented when you consider his audience, and the many hostilities toward our major allies which still exist in the hemisphere. Undoubtedly, this will help to undermine the "red scare" which has been used in every Latin American country by the most reactionary circles against the United States and hemisphere unity as a whole. This position will hamper every effort to play the great powers off against one another. It will have a long-time value for Latin America's labor movement, which has long based itself on Mr. Stettinius' conceptions.

And the State Department's position, as developed in this speech, has a practical bearing on the immediate issues before the conference. By emphasizing that the United States was committed at Crimea to the eradication of Nazi-fascist influences, to a united policy against German imperialism, Mr. Stettinius has established new ground for determining the content of inter-American solidarity. At the Rio de Janeiro meeting three years ago, the hemisphere agreed to carry on war against Germany and Japan. Today, the issue includes that, but goes beyond it to establish the eradication of Nazi-fascist vestiges as our most basic goal.

Thus, even if Argentina should declare war on Germany before March 1, the question will still remain as to whether she can be trusted to assist the hemisphere in rooting out Nazi-fascist vestiges. Is she going to keep German war criminals out, and keep Axis funds out? Is she going to eliminate Axis influences from her own national life and thus help protect the hemisphere as a whole? This must be the real basis for determining the hemisphere's attitude toward her. Our neighbors have yet to accept the implications of Mr. Stettinius' approach. But his position is clear; it is a good one and of far-reaching importance.

Incidentally, the new Secretary of State has also offered a striking contrast with the position of Sumner Welles, who has been openly calling for recognition of fascist Argentina as though inter-American solidarity had nothing to do with the basic issues of the world war. Sumner Welles repeated his demand in Miami the other day; it was nothing less than encouragement to the many friends of Argentine fascism who are active in Mexico City.

But Stettinius points out that fascism in Argentina is no mere concern of her own people, or even of the hemisphere; it is of world concern. And a world policy which is determined to rout fascism in Europe cannot tolerate extension of Hitlerite ideas and methods on this side of the Atlantic. Mr. Welles is evidently an exponent of a double-standard in politics; the consequence of his position would be to undermine collective security in the hemisphere, and on a world scale, as Walter Lippmann points out.

Many other possibilities are opened up by this correlation of our hemisphere policy and Crimea, and we will return to them as the conference in Mexico City develops. A higher state of hemisphere regionalism is now possible, along the lines of Colombia's proposal for a guarantee of the integrity and independence of all American nations against aggression from any American power, a proposal which the United States is evidently prepared to support. A more active role for Latin American countries in the Dumbarton Oaks plans is now possible and a more active role in world relations generally—the resumption of normal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, for example, is long overdue from countries like Brazil.

Finally, it should be noted that Mr. Stettinius replied very positively to a request from Ezequiel Padilla, the conference chairman, with pledges of large-scale American assistance in the transition from war to peace, and long-range industrialization.

The American people can be proud of Mr. Stettinius' far-reaching approach. And they must be prepared, as the conference concludes, to give it practical implementation.

HITLER'S LITTLE CHARLIE MCCARTHY



—They're Saying in Washington—

Hook of Michigan

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON. IN his apology to the House for having referred to Rep. John Rankin as a "dirty liar," Rep. Frank Hook of Michigan referred to the adroit practitioners at the fine art of violating the rules of the House as well as the canons of elementary decency and democracy. Hook is definitely not adroit. He does not know how to twist the rules of the House like Howard Smith and John Rankin and Gene Cox.



Rankin knows how to insult members of Congress and get away with it. He knows how to attack minority groups like Jews and Negroes, with only occasional, desultory rebukes from his colleagues. He even knows how to strike another Congressman on the floor of the House and then assume the air of injured innocence.

No, Hook is not adroit or skilful. A former coal miner and lumber worker, he is impetuous and hasty—although restrained enough not to have hit Rankin back with what might have been devastating effect. He is perhaps twice the size of Rankin. If he lacks other virtues, Hook is courageous. And this is precious enough a commodity in Congress.

Back in the early days of the Dies Committee, Hook established himself as one of its most consistent foes. And for this he was framed in a complex plot which put him in the unfortunate position of having used unknowingly forged letters to attack Martin Dies.

Defeated in 1942, Hook made a comeback last November and has returned to his old crusade. He introduced resolutions to rescind House action creating a permanent Dies Committee and to protect the rights of witnesses before Congressional committees.

Hook has also been resentful of the continued attacks on the floor of the House against the CIO and its Political Action Committee. He has publicly stated that he is proud of his associations with PAC. And it was this attitude that led to the historic fight on the House between Hook and Rankin.

Hook has become a symbol of protest against the red-baiters and labor-baiters and bitter-end

tories of the feudal South. And it is this which makes so regrettable and anomalous the undeniable fact that he himself has in recent months been increasingly indulging in red-baiting.

In a speech on the House floor discussing the May bill, Hook said: "When the Communists and the Bourbons lie down together I am suspicious because they both believe in slave labor."

Even during his bitter exchange with Rankin, Hook managed to get in a crack that the CIO is "doing more to keep down the Communists than any other group in the United States." And he chided Rankin for not cooperating with the "good citizens" of the CIO in combating Communism. It is one thing to say emphatically that PAC is not in any sense Communist. It is quite enough another to try to make the PAC appear as a rival of John Rankin and Clare Hoffman in fighting Communism.

A clue to the origin of Hook's recent red-baiting, which has shocked some of the same labor groups in Michigan's upper peninsula which supported him so vigorously in the last election, is found in a recent issue of the Congressional Record. Without identifying the source, Hook inserted in the Record an article sharply attacking Charles Wilson

of General Electric, who was a farsighted industrial spokesman for a high wage, full employment post-war economy.

This article was prepared by Labor Press Associations, a phony Socialist outfit. One of LPA's leading contributors is Albert Hamilton, a long-time Socialist leader. He has recently been a conscientious objector, and he appeared on behalf of the Socialist Party and of Norman Thomas personally to ask defeat of the May bill. Hamilton's wife, Alvaine, is managing editor of LPA.

Norman Thomas Socialists have apparently made a concerted effort to use Hook as a mouthpiece, and with too much success. Hook now has two secretaries with strong Socialist Party leanings. One has been a practising Socialist for years. The other has been one of Walter Reuther's sidekicks in United Auto Workers politics.

Hooks has promised labor people from his district that he will cut out the red-baiting. He hasn't done so yet. Maybe he is still thinking about it. At stake in Hook's decision is his own effectiveness as a fighting progressive. I don't think he can beat Rankin or Hoffman at red-baiting. I also think he will discover that he will not be too good at opposing them if he becomes tainted with their ideas.

Worth Repeating

LABOR'S NEW WORLD is title of cable from London by Joseph North on the World Labor Conference, published in the current (Feb. 27) New Masses which contains these moving words: "The conference, after two grueling weeks of discussion, ended at dusk Saturday evening, Feb. 24. George Isaacs, M.P., chairman of the final session, a leading figure in British labor, bade the delegates: Godspeed and success in moving poetic words pronounced in his Cockney accent: "And now we close our historic deliberations. Outside it is growing dusk, and in the words of our English hymn, the shadows race across the skies. But actually, brothers, inside here it is dawn, the dawn of a beautiful day for labor and for the world."

CHOU EN-LAI, Communist representative at recent Communist-Koumintang negotiations, quoted by Yenan radio on Feb. 17, after the talks broke down: Judging from military achievements in fighting against the Japanese, it is the Koumintang and not the Communist-led troops that should be reorganized.

The Chinese government authorities have not yet accepted suggestions to release patriotic political prisoners, abolish all laws and decrees oppressive to the people, stop all secret police activities and withdraw all troops surrounding the Shansi-Kansu-Ninghsia border region or attacking the Eighth Route and New Fourth Armies. . . . We express our gratitude to American Ambassador Maj. Gen. Hurley, who has helped enthusiastically and untiringly during these months of negotiations between the two parties.

Change the World

TO US the word Communist suggests a community spirit, a spirit of friendship and comradeship. I and J. L., a young couple in Orange, N. J., comment upon the "friendship problem" recently aired in this column.

"These days many of us must work all sorts of long hours, and there are many petty irritants, like long waits for crowded buses, food shortages, etc. It's sometimes difficult to act friendly. All the more reason why Communists should make a sincere effort."

"We were members of a Communist Club for almost a year and a half when my wife was taken badly ill and was in bed for a time. Many of her friends visited her. But not a single member of the club bothered to call. It made us a little bitter. Yet it was not lack of human warmth, but a lack of attention to such relationships, as though we Communists did not need to cultivate friendship among us. We think this attitude is wrong, since the good neighbor makes the best Communist, and vice versa."

WALTER LOWENFELS of Philadelphia enters the discussion with an interesting comment:

"There should be, for Communists, no separation between personal and political rela-



tions. Actually, when things are getting done, we find close personal and social ties prevailing; when the social side is weak, the political work of the club also suffers.

"I have a letter before me from a Communist comrade now fighting in the front lines in Germany. He says that 'the understanding of what the fight is all about is still poor. This gives me more reason for respecting these youngsters who show so much fight when the need is there.'"

"What units those soldiers and makes them fight? It is the common job—the tough and dangerous job of killing Nazis."

"We must come to understand our Communist movement, also, as the spearhead of the war on fascism at home. Then we will find, as the soldier does at the front, that each American beside him in the anti-fascist fight is more than a friend. His health, his personal problems then become important, because we need him. Friendship must be based on some great ideal that people fight for in common."

I BELIEVE with Walter that the truest friendships are formed in some common danger, or in a great common labor.

There lies the fallacy of the Dale Carnegie approach to "making friends and influencing people." The phony smile of the greeter-politico like Jim Farley is not for us. Farley

Comradeliness Grows Through Common Tasks

by Mike Gold

said in his memoirs that he owed his political success to the fact that he never forgot a man's face and name, nor failed to answer personally a single letter addressed to him.

This is all right for superficial friendships and superficial politics. Fighting against world fascism calls for deeper friendships and understandings.

Soldiers at the front suffer enormous hardships that no civilian ever can understand. What sustains them often is the comradeship under fire.

One comes to love for all one's life the friend who once stood loyally by in peril.

One learns to have a deep affection and understanding for people who share one's ideals, and work along and share the doubts, dangers and drudgeries that attend the march to man's future.

After reading dozens of letters that have come in on this topic, I believe some of the trouble comes from not having enough work assigned to everybody.

Also there is a lack of the cultural life that provides emotion and inspiration for the tasks. For centuries the churches have used music and color and art in the ritual. Our neighborhood clubs could become centers of a secular culture that would inspire the community. Plays, concerts, public readings, book discussion, progressive movies, etc., are needed. Also the humanity and patience of a mother trying to make her kids keep their faces clean and their minds busy.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Chi. Tribune Wants Poll Tax-GOP Pact

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Chicago Tribune is hankering for an even closer alliance of the Southern Bourbons and the GOP high command, as you call the Republican leaders. In an editorial of Feb. 21, interspersed with the usual morale-weakening stuff about the lack of necessity for the curfew law and other things like that, the Tribune comes out for closer cooperation of all reactionaries. "Otherwise," it says, "the formation of a new party, dedicated to the preservation of constitutional government and free enterprise, seems inevitable." That's the way the Tribune licks its wounds, after the awful drubbing given it in Illinois on Nov. 7. But we all know it is the Republican Party which it will hold to and which is its ally.

GEO. W. GOOD.

Toward Freedom

THAT old wheeze about "You can't legislate racial attitudes" is being used again to retard progress toward Negro democratic rights. This time the main target is pending FEPC legislation in Washington and in Albany.

Republican Sen. Taft, callously disregarding the GOP platform pledge and the Dewey campaign promise of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, seeks to justify his dishonest "voluntary" FEPC bill on the grounds that the use of force in wiping out employment discrimination would create trouble, that we've got to "educate" people to different attitudes first.

Similarly the New York Board of Trade, the State Chamber of Commerce, and now that rock-ribbed Republican newspaper, the World-Telegram, are trying to block creation of a N. Y. State Commission Against Discrimination (a little "FEPC") on the grounds that what we need is not legislation, but "education and persuasion." As the World-Telegram puts it: "Until education has accomplished a good deal more, even a well-meant bill like this anti-discrimination measure would, we fear, retard rather than advance the progress hoped for."

Of course, Taft, the Board of Trade, the World-Telegram and the reactionary forces for whom they speak are lying in their professed endorsement of the "admirable purpose and aim" of proposed FEPC legislation. The real purpose behind their alleged objec-



by Doxey A. Wilkerson

tion to coercive "methods" is to protect their vested interests in employment discrimination. All this tommyrot about "education and persuasion" is designed to pull the wool over the eyes of a gullible public.

Their tactics would not be so dangerous but for the fact that great masses of our citizens actually are taken in by this "education-not-legislation" program. They fail to realize that it is not now, and never has been, a correct formula for social progress in general, and certainly not for progress toward full Negro democratic rights. Let me illustrate.

Early in our national defense program, employers, politicians and many citizens "knew" that white and Negro workers simply could not work together in airplane factories and many other then hilly-white war plants; that white workers would not stand for it. They contended that we must enter upon a long and gradual process of "education" to change attitudes, rather than try legislation or other forms of coercion.

BUT the war couldn't wait for this long process of education. We had to have airplanes quick, thousands of them, and we had to use all available manpower to make them—even if this meant using Negro workers. So we used force—anti-discrimination clauses in war contracts, FEPC hearings and directives, WMC and USES pressures, along with the struggles of the unions and other progressive groups. And Negro workers were employed.

What happened? Negro workers began to do any job anyone else could do. They and

'Education' vs. 'Legislation' On Negro Rights

their white fellow-workers came to know and respect one another in the shops and in the union halls (a thing which anti-Negro discrimination and segregation are designed to prevent). New bonds of interracial unity were formed. Many genuine friendships developed. The dire predictions about bloody race riots simply did not materialize.

THERE was a mass change of attitudes, but it came AFTER, not before, the change in objective social conditions.

However "reasonable" the change-attitudes-first formula may seem, it just does not square with the facts of social change. Not only with regard to Negro and white war-workers, but throughout history, it has been demonstrated that significant human progress always comes through struggle and historic necessity; and that once social conditions are changed, the masses of men readily adapt their attitudes to the new circumstances under which they live.

It is extremely important for America that existing attitudes of antipathy toward racial and religious minorities be changed, but we cannot rely upon the gradual process of education to do the job. Rather, we must struggle to create social conditions in which men find it possible and necessary to change their attitudes.

The best way to wipe out attitudes against the full employment of Negroes, both in New York State and in the nation at large, is to fight for quick passage of permanent FEPC legislation—with teeth, and then to continue fighting for its enforcement. This is the valid formula for progressive social change.

Springfield Paper On Orlemanski

Agawan, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In connection with the Crimea Conference there is a news item in the Springfield News which should be registered. It tells how the developments at the Conference accorded with the stand of the Reverend Stanislaw Orlemanski, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in that city. This paper says definitely "the news meant a victory for his position."

This is quite a bit for this paper to say, since all the newspapers around here were against Father Orlemanski. Of course, the paper records now that he has nothing to say, although it goes on at some length to show how he has been vindicated by the events.

MRS. A. S.

More Applause From a Soldier

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was pleased to be able to send the first issue of the Overseas edition to my husband who is a lieutenant in Italy and has been away for a year and a half. I thought you would like to know his comment, which I have just received:

"I can't tell you how much I liked the copy of The Worker. It's going the rounds now. Its publication is a splendid idea. Browder's article was marvelous, and the article on labor's record was extremely good. I would appreciate more dope on occurrences in labor and political circles at home and also reviews of news country by country in Europe and Asia with the role and policies of the Communists in each explained."

BETTY B.

The Cannery Union Has a New Name

Camden, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have read the articles in The Worker "Some War Workers Have Their Say," and I have heard very many comments about them which were good. I have also noticed that you have used our old name "UCAPAWA" or United Cannery Workers. During the national convention in December, 1944, it was voted to change that name to Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union of America.

SYLVIA NEFT.

Ehrenburg in the Land of the Junkers

Wireless to the Daily Worker

ELBING, via Moscow, Feb. 25.—I saw the plight of Spanish Republican refugees in 1939, saw the agony of tens of thousands of women and children. Planes of the German Kondor Legion were shooting up the defenseless people. In June, 1940, I saw German planes shooting up French refugees and, finally, who of us can forget what we saw in the summer of 1941 — burning villages and peasant carts, the groans of dying children.

Now I see columns of German refugees who failed to get away and are returning to their homes. Looking at these children and aged people neither myself nor the Red Army men gloat over their misery. We do not fight with children nor do we revenge on old folk. We are not fascists.

PATH OF BLOOD

Practically all of East Prussia has been conquered by our troops and I am glad as I walk through the war-shattered Prussian towns.

I traveled by car from Moscow to Elbing.



By Ilya Ehrenburg

Minsk, Bryansk, Smolensk, Orel—this path is a path of blood, ashes and tears. How can I be otherwise than glad when I enter the municipal chambers of a German town?

The building now housing the military commandant of Rastenburg frequently housed Hitler. On the wall are photographs of the daughter of the house handing the Fuehrer a bunch of flowers.

Let the Fuehrer know I enjoyed an excellent night's sleep beneath his photograph. Also let him know that Red Army Major Rosenfeld, commandant of Rastenburg, has restored not a "new" but a civilized order there.

Germans killed the entire Rosenfeld family. But Rosenfeld does not avenge his wrongs on civilians. He does not kill defenseless people. Instead, he issues orders for them to clear the town of wreckage.

They all bow to the Red Army men, saying, "We were against Hitler." Even Nazis give the Red Front salute. Our men do not respond. They scorn them with silence.

WERE "COMPELLED"

I talked with the Roman Catholic vicar of Fraunberg, Rev. Alois Markwart, who admitted

the Germans drenched Europe in blood. But when I asked, "What shall we do with them?" the vicar replied, "Anything, only not what they did to others."

They all say they were "compelled" to do evil. These burghers would have us believe that they were "compelled" to steal Leningrad-marked tables, Ukrainian brandy, towels and sheets with which their houses are filled.

Of Elbing's 100,000 population, 60,000 people remained. Asked why they did not leave, they shrug their shoulders and said: "Flight is senseless."

Among those who remained in Elbing is the Swiss vice-consul Charles Brandenburg. Brandenburg was safeguarding the interests of 3,000 Swiss citizens working specially for the Germans (and not slaves as in the case of the Russians, Poles, French and others).

The moment I spoke to him he produced a security certificate made out in Russian and signed by Pilet-Golz, chief of the political department of the Swiss Confederation. The certificate was dated Sept. 15, 1944. Asked why he equipped himself with this document, the consul replied: "Nobody in Berne doubted the occupation of Elbing by the Red Army."

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Inter-American Parley Implements 'Big 3' Meet

By EFREN FARRILL

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25.—Discussions at the Inter-American Conference of Foreign Ministers, now meeting in this city, are expected to result in many progressive actions, largely because its sessions follow the Big Three's Crimea Conference. The opening address by Secretary of State Edward

Stettinius Jr. and Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla set the tone of the session.

Padilla stressed the importance of industrializing Latin America, raising the people's living standards and thereby in large measure also solving the problem of full employment in the United States, and removing economic causes of war from the hemisphere.

Stettinius outlined the Yalta decisions, and delegates expressed general agreement with the plans for policing the defeated Axis nations and establishing a world security organization.

This progressive outlook over certain attempts to emasculate the Dumbarton Oaks security plan by demanding artificial equality for smaller nations and Argentina's pressure on her weaker neighbors—especially Paraguay—seconded by reactionary circles in some countries.

CUBANS ACT ON RACISM

An example of the progressive resolution brought forward is Cuba's proposal on the international rights and duties of the individual, which would declare illegal discrimination because of race, sex, religion, color, language or class. The resolution states that any individual should be entitled to citizenship in the country of his residence after complying with legal requirements; that all countries should guarantee equal opportunity to non-citizens, full civil rights, right to leave or enter the country freely, freedom of expression, religion, assembly, petition and business rights, right to reasonable remuneration, adequate food, clothes, medicine, social and old age security, education, social rights.

The alien's duty, the Cuban resolution adds, is to refrain from in-

terference in politics and respect the existing regime.

Mexico proposes international protection of the rights of man to replace diplomatic protection of citizens abroad, thus eliminating interventionism and establishing the equality of rights of citizens and aliens before the responsible judicial body.

Uruguay proposes peace pacts and mutual guarantees repudiating violence in solving conflicts, but urg-

ing common use of arms by all countries when necessary to maintain independence of each.

SEEKS MILITARY SET-UP

An important extension of this attitude is expressed in a resolution to be presented to the conference next week by the Mexican delegation. This suggests a permanent hemisphere military board, composed of representatives of the joint staffs of all nations represented at the conference.

Argentine Exiles Hail Crimea As Speeding GOU Downfall

By ANDREW GORDON

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 25. — The declarations of the Crimea conference of the Big Three were greeted here this week by Argentine political exiles as heralding the downfall of the military fascist group in control of Argentina, while Uruguay newspapers said the decisions guarantee world peace and progress.

In an exclusive statement to Allied Labor News, Rodolfo Moreno, former Conservative governor of Buenos Aires province and a member of the Argentine Patria Libre, declared:

"The statement of the Big Three is unequivocal and clearly means a condemnation of the military fascist gang controlling Argentina. It gives tremendous encouragement to Argentines fighting the dictatorship, who will do their part to overthrow the GOU (Colonels' Lodge) regime. The pledge to finish off Nazism and to support governments expressing popular will sounds the deathknell of the GOU, which

will share the destiny of the Nazis and the Spain of Franco."

Declaring that the Crimea decisions and support for national unity governments "consolidates the position of those of us who have fought for a union of Argentine democrats," former Socialist deputy, Guillermo Korn, said that "the unity of Argentine exiles will definitely be sealed this week."

He added that "a delegation will be sent to the Mexico City Conference of American Foreign Ministers to raise our voice during the conference. The delegation will express our whole-hearted support for the universal and Pan-American cause and will claim the unanimous support of the continent in our fight for the liberation of Argentina."

This city's El Pais, declaring that "the big battle is won," stated: "The harmony in the opinions of the Big Three forbodes the definitive doom of Nazism and guarantees a future of peace and progress for the world."



Two heroes shake hands across a six-foot birthday cake made for the Red Army's 27th birthday. Lt. Ferdinand Suehle, American fighter pilot just returned from shuttle base duty in the Soviet Union, holds the hand of Lt. Col. Andrei Strogalev, Red Army hero, at Russian War Relief's Red Army Salute in Carnegie Hall last Wednesday. The cake weighs 550 pounds.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Norse Snag Nazi Retreat

Cuban Senators and representatives of all five parties asked the CUBAN DELEGATION at the Inter-American Conference of Foreign Ministers in Mexico to express "sympathy and support to the Argentine people" and "strong condemnation of the Nazi-fascist regime there which tyrannizes the people. . . ." NORWEGIAN PATRIOTS, hindering German attempts to evacuate 100,000 troops from Norway, attacked inland communications. . . .

The Parisian Committee of Liberation held a rally of 35,000 in PARIS to protest the acute food shortages. Labor, peasant, small business and cooperative spokesmen blamed the black market, demanded reorganization of food and transport services and purging profiteering Vichyites from the Ministry of Food. . . . More than 200 Italian partisans, including 150 young girls, were MASSACRED in the town of Vinca and Forno on the Ligurian coast. . . . 350 ITALIAN PATRIOTS, sole survivors of a brigade of 700 operating in the northern Apennines, asked to be enrolled in the regular Italian Army.

The BULGARIAN Fatherland Front welcomed the government's announced intention to hold parliamentary elections shortly, and suggested that elected representatives should be subject to popular recall. . . . An All Slav Committee and a BLUGARO-YUGOSLAV SOCIETY have been founded in Sofia. Premier Kimon Georgiev greeted the latter and predicted it would add a "precious contribution" to the "ideal of freedom, peace and happiness in the Balkans."

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Crimea Parley Inspires Soviets To Boost Output

By JOHN FISHER

Wireless to Allied Labor News

MOSCOW, Feb. 25. — Workers throughout the Soviet Union reacted to the results of the Crimea Conference of the Big Three by pledging increased output for the Red Army.

When the joint declaration of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin was announced over the radio, workers in the big Stalin auto plant in Moscow were between shifts.

Spontaneous meetings were held in the culture rooms and dining halls of the plant, and production resolutions were passed.

"The Crimea conference has indicated the path of the final rout of Hitlerite Germany," Shiphonkov, a Stakhanovite worker in the motor shop of the Stalin plant declared.

"Workers in our plant are laboring selflessly and will continue to do so in order to provide the Red Army with strong and durable motors, vehicles, armament and munitions."

HOOR OF RETRIBUTION

In Leningrad, workers in the Kirov tank plant passed the following resolution: "The lair of the German beast is surrounded and the hour of his retribution has come. The decisions of the leaders of the three Allied powers will ensure peace and prosperity to many generations of humanity."

"In order to carry out these decisions we must work in such a way that our Red Army, which is wounding the Germans on their own territory, shall not experience the slightest shortage in anything it requires. That is our duty and we shall perform it. The workers pledged to fulfill their production quotas ahead of schedule."

At the Novomushketovo colliery in the Donbas, more than 200 miners listened to the Crimea broadcast at a time when they were about to descend for the night shift. They at once voted to exceed their quota for the shift. Next morning it was found they had mined several dozen wagonloads of coal above plan.

Similar output achievements were recorded at the Kulbyshev machine tool building plant, Krasnoye Sormovo and Krasnaya Etina plants in Gorki, and the power stations in Kiev and Minsk.

Yugoslav Skipper At Rally Here

Capt. Teodor Tijan of the Yugoslav Merchant Marine, who was the first to raise Marshal Tito's flag on a Yugoslav ship, will be the guest speaker at the Workers Fellowship of the Society for Ethical Culture, 2 W. 64 St., at 8:30 tonight (Monday).

The meeting is in cooperation with the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, 58 Park Ave.

Puerto Ricans Act on Independence

By JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER

Gov. Rexford Guy Tugwell's message to the Puerto Rican Legislature has produced a political sensation in the nation, precisely because of its political recommendations. His lengthy and thoughtful document is lucid and clear-cut in its economic, social and administrative aspects. But, sadly disappointing to the great majority of the legislators and the people is its the governor's solemn advice against a national referendum and independence.



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The patriotic reaction was immediate. Rep. Antonio Pacheco Padro (Popular Democrat), called upon the legislature to answer the Governor by passing a Joint Resolution for a referendum on the national question. In the Senate, floor leader Vicente Geigel Polanco and Sen. Rafael Arjona Siaca (Popular Democrats), took the same position. Ernesto Ramos Antonini and Speaker Francisco M. Sison, leaders of the most conservative wing in the Popular Democratic party, declared themselves for independence, although urging that action be delayed.

NEWSPAPERS PROTEST

Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia, president of the Independence Congress, in a press statement, asked the Legislature to act against the Governor's recommendation. The daily paper El Imparcial—second in circulation in the island, strongly protested.

As a patriot, I am extremely proud of the position assumed by my countrymen. I believe that without a previous decision of his government in Washington, Gov. Tugwell could not help but take the paternal attitude of giving advice to a nation that does not need such advice, and certainly is not going to take it. He could have chosen the policy of remaining silent on this question. But Puerto Rican unity for independence has grown to the point where his silence would have been imprudently impudent. And also the international situation forced him to speak.

In deciding to speak, he could have remained "neutral." But "neutrality" on the Puerto Rican national question has been Washington's ground for the status quo since

1898—"neutrality" in repeating like a broken phonograph record that Puerto Ricans will have what they want by only saying it, and at the same time preventing the people from talking business. Puerto Rican unity for the solution of the independence question has sent that record into the waste-basket. The people are already organized for the answer: national independence. Moreover, the Governor is not "neutral" on the question. He is the representative of one of the contending parties.

TIMELY WORDS

In my opinion, his words were very timely. The Popular Democratic Party won the election, gaining an uncontested majority on both houses. The party is pledged to consult the people on the national question before the end of the war. Reading Tugwell's words again and again I feel his doubts about the Popular Party's readiness and courage to face the issue promptly, and his still stronger doubts of his own countrymen's vision in Congress and in Washington to understand the enormous hemispheric importance of the Puerto Rican question.

In respect to the Puerto Ricans, events have shown he is mistaken. One week after his message was delivered (last Thursday), the Legislature approved, by an unanimous veto, a Joint Resolution for the referendum on the national question.

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BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Citizens from all walks of life were very well represented at a "Tribute to the Red Army" Dinner given by the Massachusetts Committee of Russian War Relief. A capacity crowd of 700 din-

ers greeted Col. Andrei Strogalev, member of the Red Army, attached to the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Col. Strogalev told how the Soviet people and its Government appreciate the unstinting support

given them by the United States and Great Britain. He said he specially wanted to thank the people of Boston for the splendid job they did in helping the Soviet people through the Russian War Relief.

Ella Winter, who recently returned from a six months visit to the Soviet Union, described the Soviet people's high morale and unan-

imous determination to fight until complete victory is achieved.

She appealed for lasting friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union, saying "the people of the Soviet Union want nothing from anyone after the war except peace based on the decisions of the Big Three, so they can rebuild their future."

Veteran's Aid

—By WORLD WAR II VET—

Lives of American soldiers listed as "missing in action" may be imperiled unless the public ceases the practice of writing to such soldiers through the International Red Cross Directory Service, warns the War Department.

A soldier listed as "missing in action" may have escaped, or he may not have been picked up by the enemy. In such cases, he may be at large in enemy territory. Censorship rules prohibit the sending of mail to missing in action personnel through the medium of the Directory Service, and the Directory Service must return such mail to the sender. However, it is possible that such mail may pass censorship. In that case, it serves only to notify the enemy that the soldier is free in their territory.



The sole function of the Directory Service, whose headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland, is to forward mail to personnel which has been reported as prisoners of war but whose prisoner-of-war mailing address is not known.

Usually a period of from six weeks to two months intervenes between the time the Nazi government reports a man to be a prisoner of war and the time it gives his camp locations. Although formerly it was not possible for families to write during that period, they now do so and the Red Cross will attempt to deliver the mail.

Do NOT address any correspondence to a soldier in a "missing in action" status. 2. If you have the address of a prisoner of war, write directly. 3. Use the services of the International Red Cross Directory Service ONLY if a soldier has been reported a prisoner and the camp is unstated.

For a handy guide on advice to returning soldiers, send for the booklet Your Rights and Benefits, at the Retraining and Re-Employment Administration, Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, Washington, 25, D. C.

... The American Legion Auxiliary, at 342 Madison Ave., issues a weekly bulletin free with questions and answers on vet benefits.

Seven and a half billion dollars have been disbursed by the Office of Dependency Benefits in family allowances and allotments of pay to dependents of Army men and women. More than half of that sum comes from the soldiers' own pay and the balance from government funds.

The Bureau of Census plans from now on to include in its monthly report on labor a survey on the employment status of veterans, both those employed and those who have full or part-time jobs or are enrolled in school. It is anticipated this undertaking will provide detailed statistics to assist agencies concerned with veterans problems. The Smaller War Plants Corp. has already for distribution a booklet telling ex-servicemen how they can receive assistance in starting their own businesses at the end of the war, or before.

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Could a Heavier Ray Robinson
Lick Joe Louis?

Bill Mardo

It's perfectly true; to describe Ray Robinson in action is a task nigh impossible. What words can be used to illustrate fighting perfection itself?

I could tell you of Ray's stiletto-like left, the crisp right cross that he sometimes converts into a short bolo uppercut, his footwork wherein he displays all the skill of a professional dancer, the boxing mastery that left poor La Motta in a constant state of confusion, and lastly the brilliant variety of Ray's attack, one minute the boxer, then the slugger, again the speedy will o' the wisp, sometimes the confident kid standing on a dime in his own corner, hands down, daring a terribly dangerous foe to take potshots at a bobbing jaw.

And now I might say that I'm sorry to have attended the Robinson-LaMotta bout. Sorry for two reasons. First, we'll never again be content with any other wartime fight that doesn't feature Ray, True, it's an unkind thing to say about the present day boxers who are in there doing the best they can, but nonetheless it will be aggravating to witness the Refs and the Bartfields and Humberto Zavalas—even the Greos and the Greens. Not after another glimpse at Ray.

And now for the second reason we're sorry to have been at the Garden Friday night: namely, the serious manner in which veteran fight writers were discussing Robinson's chances against Joe Louis. Honestly, it puts a most annoying bug in our head.

I would be willing to wager that a 147-pound Ray Robinson can lick any middleweight and light-heavy living. But the question of Louis versus Robinson would have to be put on a different level. To seriously discuss such an encounter, it would be necessary to visualize it with Robinson weighing at least 30-pounds more than he does at present. I don't care how talented and truly great a fighter Ray is, it would be absurd to even think of him being able to spot Joe Louis 50 pounds and stand a chance of winning. But that's what they were discussing in the press section Friday night.

Ray would weigh about 177 pounds. Of course the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about this purely hypothetical fight, is how Billy Conn fared against King Joe. Pretty well, I'd say. I've always felt that if Billy Conn had a knockout punch to go with his boxing skill he would have kayeed Louis in that memorable bout. But Conn can't hit hard enough to bother his father-in-law, and was a doomed man from the moment he squared off with Louis. The same premise applied to clever Bob Pastor, also a "light" heavyweight who gave Louis a very rough time of it before he folded beneath the accumulated effects of 12 rounds of savage pounding from the most systematic hitter of them all.

So we see that it has been speedy boxers, men who were fast afoot and with their hands, who have given Louis his most trying evenings. Louis is a master boxer in his own right, though not too fast afoot; and so an opponent with just plain boxing skill and no punch never had much chance of beating him. But what of a brilliant boxer who could also whip over punches with the speed and power comparable to Louis?

Some people might say; "But if Robinson weighed 30 pounds more he wouldn't be able to move around as fast as he does now." Nonetheless, let's take everything in perspective. Against heavyweights, Robinson wouldn't need quite all the speed he uses against his present, lightweight and welterweight foes. A little less gas would still leave him the fastest heavyweight afoot. And don't tell me there aren't any lightfooted heavyweights around. That's a fallacy. You wouldn't call Conn or Pastor slow, and motion pictures of the young Jack Dempsey will show you a phase of his attack which is usually underestimated, namely Dempsey's speed. He used to tear around that ring like a young panther.

(Oh-oh, no more space, so we'll continue tomorrow.)

The Adventures of Richard

Omeegosh, They're Here Again

By Mike Singer

When Shnook came riding by on his brand new blue and white triycle, he roused Scoopy's most patriotic instincts.

"Where you get it?" Scoopy asked.

"Get what?" Shnook replied.

"Bicycle."

"Bought it."

"Where?"

"In thtore."

"What ftore."

"Bike thtore."

By this time No-Nose got Scoopy's line of questioning.

"Yeh," he said, "what store is right. Bet you bought it off a Black Market."

Shnook wasn't quite sure how to take that. He merely said:

"I thaid it wath a thtore, not a market."

"They don't sell bikes no more on account of the war. Only Black Market."

"It wath a thtore, I thay."

Ent Scoopy who didn't care much about Shnook got the bike except that he had it, insisted:

"Gimme ride."

"No."

"You big fat depe."

"I'll run you over."

"I'll run you over back."

"Thcam outaway, I'm gonna go full thpeed."

"I'll ride in back," Scoopy proposed.

"Thlay off," Shnook warned.

"G'wan Shnook, let him ride," No-Nose said, "I'll tell the cops you bought off the Black Market."

"I thaid it wath a thtore."

"Sure a Black Market store."

"Whatt a Black Market thtore? Thith wath only bikes."

"Gimme ride in back," Scoopy interrupted.

"Ok get on, but thut up."

Scoopy got on, put his arms around Shnook's neck and yelled:

"Full speed ahead."

As the two went tearing down the street, No-Nose said to Richard:

"Those two is regular comedians."

OVER the BOARDS

Well, those who thought Jimmy Rafferty could do a much faster mile than his past performances indicated, finally got their theories tossed back at them. Saturday night, at the AAU national championship track meet at the Garden, Rudy Simms led the 30-year old Rafferty through a blistering 2:02.4 half-mile. The Garden was in an uproar as they rounded the turn for the final two quarters.

But the human body can take so much wear and no more. Nearly exhausted from his effort, Rafferty followed Simms to a 66.1 third quarter before taking the lead. The final quarter was travelled in the plding time of 69 seconds. In the last few seconds of the race, the aged NYAC star was slowed down to a walk, though winning comfortably.

Corporal Barney Ewell, chalked up a double win at the meet when he duplicated his 1944 performance by scoring victories in the broad jump and the 60-yard dash. In the latter race, Ewell nipped Herb Thompson at the wire after a hotly-contested race down the runway.

Elmore Harris, Negro champ from the Shore AC, took the 600-yard run by nosing out Jimmy Herbert. Harris' time was 1:13.2.

Doc Blanchard topped all his previous shot-put performances with a toss of 48-feet, 7 1/2-inches. The Army star wound up in second place behind Wilfred Bangert of the University of Missouri, who throwing the weight for 50-feet, 5 1/2-inches.

The evening's festivities wound up thusly: The NYAC successfully defended its team title with 23 points; Army was second with 15 points; Navy was third with 13; and NYU followed with 9-points.

Moral Win for NYU, Navy Streak Ended

By PHIL GORDON

Nobody need cast disparaging remarks about those NYU hoopsters, not after their thrilling, almost successful performance against one-beaten Army and West Point Saturday.

Completely swamped under during the first half, the talented Violets came back after the intermission, behind by 10 points, to put on a rally that ate away at the Cadet's margin and at one stage put them in the lead, but the sparkling Dale Hall pulled the game out of the fire for Army with some terrific last-minute shooting and a freezing exhibition that finally culminated in a pass to Ed Rafalko underneath the basket which caught the Violets completely off-guard and ended the game in Army's favor, 54-51.

There's no denying that Dale Hall alone saved the day for the Army quintet. The fact that 12 of his 20 points total were scored in the last half of the contest indicated just how essential Hall was in Army's narrow win.

Adolph Schayes, freshman center for the Violets, again lived up to all the nice things being said about him, by coming through with 15 points, the best individual score on the NYU roster. It was Schayes' rebound that tied the score at 50-all with two minutes of game time remaining. Fouled on the play, Schayes tossed in the free throw and put his team in the lead. . . . But along came Mister Dale Hall and it was all to no avail. . . . If you go for these "moral victories," then NYU certainly emerged victoriously Saturday night. The Violets, despite some erratic coaching, are much better than their record indicates.

The biggest upset of the basketball season since Army lost to Penn, occurred to the hitherto unbeaten Navy squad which finally dropped one to Bainbridge Saturday night, 68-60. Thus, the Bainbridge Naval Training Center team snapped

But What Happened Last Night, Huh?

The Rangers went into the Garden last night for their vital game with the Boston Bruins, and because of their Saturday night 4-4 tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Blueshirts were just one point behind Boston prior to last night's contest. (We're sorry that an early deadline prevented us from printings the results of that game today.)

At Toronto, the Blueshirts edged nearer the Bruins mainly with the aid of Ab DeMarco, who scored two tallies against the third-place Leafs. The Toronto pucksters zoomed into a 2-0 lead in the first period, but DeMarco's solo narrowed the gap. In the second frame, Art Jackson and Sweeney Schriener notched two more, but Grant Warwick kept the Blueshirts in the game by netting one past goalie McCool on a pass from Art Heller. Fred Thurier pushed the Rangers to within one point of Toronto with a tally in the third period.

Then, in the last two minutes of play, it was mister DeMarco again who scored on a pass from Fred Hunt, and so the game ended—in a 4-4 deadlock.

Navy's 12-game streak,

Four minutes prior to the whistle, Bainbridge held a two-point lead, but the trainees applied the heat and three successive field goals clinched the contest.

Nat Holman's City College scrappers routed St. Joseph's in Philly over the weekend, 85-47, after being rather hard-pressed for the first ten minutes.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-Road of Life
WOR-Prescott Robinson, News
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
WABC-Amanda-Sketch
WMCA-News; Music Box
WQXR-Alma Detlinger, News
11:15-WEAF-Rosemary-Sketch
WOR-Jimmy Fidler-Talk
WABC-Second Husband
11:30-WEAF-Star Playhouse
WOR-Take It Easy Time
WJZ-News; Music
WABC-Bright Horizon
WQXR-Concert Music
11:45-WEAF-David Harum
WOR-What's Your Idea?
WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55-WOR-Lanny and Ginger, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-Don Goddard, News
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Glamour Manor
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF-Talk-Maggi McNellis
WABC-Big Sister
12:30-WEAF-U. S. Navy Band
WOR-News; Answer Man
WJZ-News; Farm-Home Makers
WABC-Helen Trent
12:45-WABC-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Jack Bandy's Album
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WOR-Lopes Orchestra
WJZ-Woman's Exchange Program
WABC-Ma Perkins
1:30-WJZ-Henry Morgenthau, Jr., at Detroit Economic Club Luncheon
WABC-Bernardine Flynn
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty, News
WOR-American Woman's Jury
WJZ-Galen Drake
WABC-The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light
WOR-Cedric Poster, News
WJZ-John E. Kennedy, News
WABC-Joyce Jordan, M.D.
2:15-WABC-Today's Children
WOR-Jane Corlin-Talk
WJZ-Galen Drake
WABC-Two on a Clue
2:30-WEAF-Women in White
WOR-News; Never Too Old
WJZ-Ladies Be Seated
WABC-Perry Mason
WQXR-Request Music
2:45-WEAF-Hymns of All Churches
WABC-Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America
WOR-Martha Deane Program
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
3:15-WEAF-Mary Marlin
WJZ-Variety Musicale
WABC-The High Places
WMCA-Talk-Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young
WOR-John Gambling
WJZ-Appointment With Life
WABC-Sing Along Club
WMCA-News; Music
3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness
4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife

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WNYC-880 Kc. WOV-1290 Kc.
WABC-880 Kc. WBNY-1480 Kc.
WINS-1000 Kc. WQXR-1560 Kc.

WOR-News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ-Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC-House Party
4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas
WJZ-Musical Show
4:25-WABC-News Reports
4:30-WEAF-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch
WOR-Food and Home Forum
WJZ-Vincent Sheehan, From Europe
WABC-Feature Story
WMCA-News; Music
4:45-WEAF-Young Widder Brown
WJZ-Hop Harrigan
WABC-Recorded Music
5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Uncle Don
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WABC-WAVES on Parade
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News; Music
5:15-WEAF-Portia Faces Life
WOR-Superman
WJZ-Dick Tracy
WQXR-Fun With Music
5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill
WOR-House of Mystery
WJZ-Jack Armstrong-Sketch
WABC-Terry Allen, Songs
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR-Today's Romantics
5:45-WEAF-Front-Page Farrell
WOR-Tom Mix
WJZ-Captain Midnight
WABC-Wilderness Road

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News Reports
WOR-Sydney Moseley, News
WJZ-Kiernan's News Corner
WABC-Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WEAF-Concert Music
WOR-Ramona, Songs
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WABC-Lyn Murray Orchestra
6:30-WJZ-News; Whose War?-Talk
WABC-Sally Moore, Songs
WMCA-News; Music
6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Peggy Mann, Songs
WABC-The World Today-News
6:55-WABC-Joseph C. Harsch, News
7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
WABC-Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-Lisa Sergio, News
7:15-WEAF-John W. Vandercook, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Raymond Gram Swing
WABC-Hollywood-Hedda Hopper
WMCA-Five-Star Final
WQXR-Operetta Music
7:30-WEAF-Roth Orchestra; Chorus
WOR-Bulldog Drummond
WJZ-Lone Ranger

WABC-Bob Hawk Quiz Show
WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh, News
WQXR-Treasury of Music
7:45-WEAF-H. V. Kaltenborn
WMCA-Fred Martin, Songs
WJZ-Johannes Steel, News
8:00-WEAF-Cavalcade of America
WOR-Cecil Brown, News
WJZ-From Overseas-Fred Malone
WABC-Vox Pop Interviews
8:15-WOR-Curt Massey, Songs
WJZ-Lum and Abner
8:30-WEAF-Gladys Swarthout, Soprano
WOR-Sherlock Holmes
WJZ-Blind Date
WABC-Burns and Allen, Comedy
8:55-WABC-Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-All Operatic Program
WOR-Gabriel Heatter, News
WJZ-Ed Wynn Show
WABC-Radio Theater
WQXR-Worldwide News
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
WMCA-News Reports
WQXR-Musical Memory Game
9:30-WEAF-Information Please
WOR-Music of Worship
WJZ-Spotlight Band
WMCA-Amateur Hour
WQXR-Cavalcade of Music
9:55-WJZ-Short Story
10:00-WEAF-Josephine Antoine, Soprano
WOR-Dr. A. L. Sachar, News
WJZ-Lomax Orchestra
WABC-Screen Guild Play
10:15-WOR-Paul Schubert
WMCA-Air Evacuation Hospital
10:30-WEAF-Dr. I. Q.-Quiz
WOR-The Symphonette
WJZ-Melody in the Night
WABC-Variety Show
WQXR-The Music Box
10:45-WQXR-Imperial Male Chorus
11:00-WEAF, WOR-News; Music
WJZ, WABC-News; Music
11:05-WJZ-William S. Gailmor, News
11:30-WEAF-Author's Playhouse
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Star of 'Wilson' Affirms Actor's Right to Voice Political Opinion

By MILDRED FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD. — Whether Alexander Knox likes it or not, he is a mystery. Is he really Woodrow Wilson—an idealist, an academician, a man of great reserve and passionate convictions?

"The chance to play a role like that comes once in a life-time," said Knox between scenes on the Over 21 set where he had been rehearsing with Irene Dunne and Phil Brown. "But I don't want to be typed. I want good roles but different ones." There was little change of expression, but his voice took on a different quality — as though he felt that ahead there might be a trap he would not be able to avoid.

As a matter of fact, he has been very successful in escaping such a fate. He was a brutal gauleiter in *None Shall Escape*, a heroic seaman in *The Sea Wolf*, a young minister in *This All*, a Nazi captain in *The Commandos Strike at Dawn*, and now in *Over 21*, he plays the role of the editor of the nation's foremost liberal newspaper, who joins the army because he wants to learn first-hand the servicemen's views on shaping the postwar world.

The man who played one of America's great Presidents and is now portraying the role of all American soldier, is actually a Canadian, the son of a Presbyterian minister, born in Strathroy, Ontario, Canada.

As a boy Knox gained considerable amateur theatrical experience during his education at local Canadian public and high schools and later at Western Ontario University, before he went to Boston in 1937. Since that time he has divided his time between acting and writing. When he first arrived in Boston he joined the Peabody Playhouse Players and stayed with them until the 1929 crash brought an end to the enterprise. For a time Knox gave up the stage and joined the editorial staff of *The Boston Post*, writing special features and later became a feature writer for *The London Ontario Advertiser*.

"But I became bored with spelling—getting everybody's name correct." His blue eyes became very round. Was this a little of the Wilsonian dry humor?

So he went to England to join the stock company of the Wyndham Theatre, playing a series of roles in Edgar Wallace productions. But he was soon fed up with playing juveniles (again that fear of being typed) in these detective mysteries and again gave up acting, this time to write reviews and criticism for *The London Times* and *Manchester Guardian*.

Following the example of Wallace, he tried his hand at writing detective novels and later *Bride in Question*. Then when the dramatic urge came back again, he returned to the stage in the role of Richard III at the Old Vic and even wrote a play, *Old Master*, in which he starred for the famed 1938-39 Malvern festival, appearing in Shaw's *Geneva* on the same program.

"The great playwrights like Shakespeare, Sheridan, Shaw, always dealt with timely subjects, with issues of the period in which they wrote. I think the stage has always done that to a far greater extent than films have so far attempted. This matter of film content is a question. It has been proven that as an educational method the screen is 10 times as effective as any other. This places great power and responsibility in the hands of the producers to use that power wisely—and not undo all the good that is being done by schools and other methods of education."

"Yes, I do hope to do a play now and then. Besides, I don't know whether I can make a living in Hollywood."

Again his eyes became very round and very wide open. I laughed at the idea of his not being able to make a living in Hollywood. But there was no smile — and then I



Alexander Knox in a scene from *Wilson*, popular 20th Century Fox biographical study of the famous President of the first World War period.

realized that perhaps he meant it, talk about them only to a few people. And never superficially.

Knox has by no means given up his interest in writing. At present he is engaged on an article analyzing the actor's contribution and relation to a screen production.

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Picasso Message to Be Read At Meeting of Artists March 2

The art division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions will hold its first membership meeting on Friday, March 2 at 8 p. m., at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street. Jo Davidson, chairman of the Independent Citizens Committee will preside. Speakers will include Dr. Frank Kingdon, author and radio commentator, Walter Mack, Jr., president of the Pepsi-Cola Company, Leon Kroll, noted painter, Joe Hirsch, painter-war correspondent, Holger Cahill, former government administrator, E. McKnight Kauffer, poster artist, Frederick Myers, vice-president of

the National Maritime Union and Wendy Barrie who will read a message from Picasso. They will discuss the central theme. The Artist Plans for Action. Admission is free.

In connection with the meeting the art division has issued a statement of purpose which has been signed by 100 leading painters, sculptors, graphic artists, photographers, commercial artists, museum and literary critics. The statement reaffirmed the program of the Independent Citizens Committee concerning international cooperation, lasting peace and full employment and added a "bill of freedoms" for artists.

Photos of Siege of Paris In 1870 on Exhibit

Flown by carrier-pigeon out of Paris during the German Siege of 1870, a micrograph of the front page of a Paris newspaper brought news of the city to government officials outside. Though seventy-five years have elapsed, parts of the headlines are still readable under a magnifying glass. This tiny, crumbling bit of collodian-coated substance is on view at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53 St., in a small exhibition entitled French Photographs: Daguerre to Unusual.

practice for carrier-pigeons to fly microphotographs of newspapers, documents and so forth from the beleaguered city, for an engraving from a contemporary publication shows a group of French officials looking at a projected enlargement of such dispatches.

Another photograph from the siege of Paris of great interest to-day is Ruins of the Hotel de Ville. The destruction wreaked on that historic building by the Germans seventy-five years ago was much greater than the damage they were able to inflict upon it last summer.

Dances and Music Of the Near East

A special concert devoted to dances and music of the Near East will be presented at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, at 8:30 p.m. The featured artist will be Naomi Aleh Leaf, Palestinian dancer. She will be assisted by two players of native instruments, Mardiros A. Krikorian and Herant Mounjian. Bertha Melnik will be at the piano for Miss Leaf. The concert is sponsored by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

China Arises, At City Theatre

The City Theater (14th St.) program today through Wednesday is *China Arises*—the story of new China, and Emperor Jones with Paul Robeson.

Author Gives Prize Money to Red Army

When Wanda Wasilewska, author of *The Rainbow*, received the Stalin Prize for Literature of 100,000 rubles it didn't take her long to decide on the best use for the money. The novel, on which *The Rainbow*, the Soviet film which opens a four-day run today at the Ocean Theatre in Brighton, is based, is an eyewitness report of a Nazi-occupied Ukrainian village. Having heard from the people how their hopes were raised at the appearance of the first Soviet plane. Miss Wasilewska immediately turned the money over to the Government for the purchase of a bomber for the Red Army.

The Rainbow Opens At Midtown Theatre

The *Rainbow* starts a 4-day run today through Thursday at the Midtown Theater, 100th St. and Broadway.

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Late Bulletins

Mayor Says Curfew Rings Tonight in Entertainment

New York City's curfew will ring at midnight tonight (Monday) in compliance with the War Manpower Commission's decree that all places of entertainment close nightly at that hour, Mayor LaGuardia and Anna Rosenberg, regional WMC director, announced in a joint statement yesterday.

They said, however, that the many complications involved in a city the size of New York would require adjustments to meet individual cases and local conditions. "Reasonableness will be exercised," they said, "during this week, but full and complete compliance without any excuses whatsoever will be expected by Monday, March 5."

The order affects public and private night clubs, sports arenas, theatres, dance halls, road houses, saloons, bars, shooting galleries, bowling, billiard and pool establishments, amusement parks, carnivals, circuses, coin-operated amusement device parlors, ice skating and roller skating rinks, entertainment activities of yacht, country and other clubs, dance studios and dance "schools," and gambling establishments. Restaurants open all night for selling food are not included, nor are USO clubs and canteens open solely for servicemen and women. Mrs. Rosenberg announced

the appointment of a board to qualify restaurants customarily serving food all night and to handle cases for servicemen's entertainment exemptions, complaints of all kinds must be cleared through the Mayor's office.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

In his weekly talk over WNYC yesterday, LaGuardia announced a special meeting of the City Council for Tuesday. He will ask the Council to amend regulations by shortening the hours in which dance hall and cabarets may be open. He added that he would also ask local county boards to change the hours for alcoholic beverage sales. Since the local City board cannot change its own hours, he will ask the State for help, he said.

In opening his talk, the Mayor greeted the Crimea Conference which, he said, "gave us all hope." In a few aside words, constituting a reminder to "my friend, Winston Churchill," he said: "Mr. Churchill, over here we believe that the Atlantic Charter is a rule and not a guide."

LaGuardia also appealed to New Yorkers to send their Red Cross contributions to his office before March 1, so that the City's quota of \$21,000,000 can get going "over the top."

Dodge Tie-up Continues Despite UAW Warning

DETROIT, Feb. 25 (UP).—Production of munitions at Chrysler Corp. plants received a new threat of curtailment today when representatives of 13,000 Dodge main plant employees and inter-plant truck drivers rejected union and government demands and voted to remain on strike.

Local heads of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) went into immediate executive session following a heated, three-hour mass meeting, to prepare for tomorrow morning's show-cause hearing called by the War Labor Board. WLB and international UAW officials had set a Monday morning back-to-work deadline. Dodge main plant does not operate on Sunday.

\$7,000 THREATENED

Company spokesmen said continuation of the stoppage will endanger war work of \$7,000 Chrysler employees in Detroit plants and 34,000 workers engaged in assembly of the 2,300-horsepower B-29 Superfortress engine at the Dodge Chicago plant. The Chicago plant is dependent upon an uninterrupted flow of materials from Detroit.

Meanwhile, representatives of 900 UAW-CIO strikers at the Thompson Products Co., manufacturers of truck parts, went into a mass meeting to cast a back-to-work vote. The strike is a continuation of one begun Feb. 15.

The Dodge strike flared Friday in the B-29 department when the company discharged seven workers for failure to maintain production schedules and loafing. The stoppage spread quickly to all departments affecting output of guns, rockets,

airplane parts and military vehicles.

Inter-plant truck drivers who maintain smooth exchange of parts for hundreds of items of war between the various Chrysler units here joined the strike yesterday. The company said a stoppage by this group was even more serious than a halt in work by production men.

UAW OFFICIALS IN STERN WARNING

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—International officers of Local 3, UAW to end a strike of 14,000 at the Dodge plant of the Chrysler Corp. by Monday or face disciplinary action.

"Failure to comply with the order will necessitate immediate action by the international executive board," said acting president George F. Addes in a message to the local's officers.

VIOLATES PLEDGE

Addes warned that the strike is "unauthorized and is a violation of the union's constitution and no-strike pledge."

Meanwhile there was fear that the strike would spread to 12 other Chrysler plants in the Detroit area as it became apparent that followers of vice-president Walter Reuther were more than anxious to take advantage of company provocations.

A whole series of other stoppages in the auto industry, especially at the Graham-Paige plant, has all the earmarks of a general pattern of the efforts of those who have been advocating an end of the no-strike pledge.

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Marines on Iwo Jima dig in shortly after storming ashore. An Amtrac and a U. S. tank are seen in the background, and the smoke marks smashed Japanese installations. Since this picture was taken, the Leathernecks have won the eight-mile square enemy base in bloody fighting.

B'klyn Ace Finds 'Amerikanski' A Magic Word With Russians

By JOHN GIBBONS

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.—When Major Robert Rosenthal, Brooklyn ace in the United States Airforce, bailed out of his burning Flying Fortress and landed on the east bank of the Oder, he was immediately surrounded by grim looking men poking guns into his ribs.

"I thought they were Jerries," he told me later at the American Embassy, "and judging by suspicious looks and threatening guns, I figured they took me to be one."

Rosenthal uttered one word—"Amerikanski"—and in a moment, he said, "their guns lowered, their faces broke into beaming smiles. They hugged, kissed and embraced me, put me into a jeep and whisked me away to a nearby post." There he was given a suit of pajamas, bandaged and then treated to a handsome meal "with plenty of vodka to wash it down."

At the Red Army post, Major Rosenthal, whose home address is 1595 E. 30 St., Brooklyn, N. Y., was received by a Soviet General who proudly displayed his Legion of Merit medal awarded by President Roosevelt. This general whose name cannot be mentioned for obvious reasons, gave instructions that the best of everything be prepared for the American officer.

HIGH PRAISE FOR RUSSIANS

Rosenthal had high praise for Russian comradeship and the Russians' unqualified affection for Americans.

"I like the Russians very much," he said. "I cheerfully drank two million gallons of vodka in the interests of good American-Soviet relations. But I think they carry this kissing business too far."

Roosevelt, Harriman, Studebaker, spam and airacobra are household words among Russian combat troops, Rosenthal said, adding that many officers spoke English and almost all the others were studying it.

Moscow is rapidly becoming the Mecca for stranded Flying Fortress crews and for American officers and men liberated from prisoner of war

camps by the Red Army's advance. I met three groups of men in the American Embassy during the past week, and their praise of chivalrous treatment while in Russian hands was a matter of superlatives. With Major Rosenthal were Sgts. Charles Webber and George Windisch, hailing respectively from Minnesota and Kansas. Seven other men of their Fortress crew bailed out earlier and apparently landed behind the enemy lines.

While on their way to an airfield for a plane to Moscow, the three airforce men passed columns of liberated United States soldiers en route to concentration points for transfer to American military authorities. Some of them, said Major Rosenthal, were on bicycles and still others were riding on refugee carts.

HAS ARM INJURY

"All were happy, rejoicing in their liberty, and were well looked after by the Russians," he pointed out.

Rosenthal, who received a slight arm injury upon bumping the earth, was treated in a captured hospital where, he said, by German nurses who hadn't had time to get away. These nurses are now working under Russian supervision.

Describing the house in which he is quartered, the major said that it had been abandoned with everything intact. "The Red Army men were as careful of the property as they are of their own homes. The only 'outrage' I observed," he added smilingly, "was the action of a Russian lieutenant who, in looking through the library for a book, came upon a copy of Mein Kampf. He immediately spat on it in disgust and threw it away."

A lawyer in peacetime, 27-year-old Major Rosenthal is a splendid type of United States officer. He has 52 missions to his credit, and was shot down over France a year ago and rescued by French partisans. His decorations include two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

When I said to him, "You'll be going home now," he said, "Not on your life! I've got a squadron over there in England and I want to rejoin it just as quickly as possible."

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